First preference in order booking and despatches under Liberalised Sale Scheme would be given to actual users who can draw coal for their own use in addition to the normal supplies being received by them against sponsorships/linkages.

Raids by BIS

1736. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 14th June, 1993 captioned "BIS gears up surveillance act";

(b) whether the BIS has conducted a drive to check the sale of substandard goods in the country;

(c) if so, the number of raids conducted by BIS during the last six months to unearth the sale of substandard goods; and

(d) what further action has been taken by Government against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 31st March, 1993, 11,726 licences under Certification Mark Scheme were in operation. During the year ending 31st March, 1993, about 45,000 samples were tested in BIS and outside laboratories & as a result 16 licences were cancelled. During the aforesaid period, out of 204 complaints received concerning various BIS certified products, 155 complaints were disposed of.

Action on a number of cases of unauthorised use of ISI mark has been taken by BIS and legal proceedings have been launched in some of them. Out of 12 such cases detected during 1991-92, legal proceedings have been initiated in 11 cases and investigations are in progress in respect of 9 such cases detected during 1992-93.

(c) and (d) During the last six months one raid has been conducted by Delhi Police against the spurious bulb manufacturer, on the basis of information supplied by BIS and with the active involvement of BIS Officers.

Delhi Police is in the process of instituting legal proceedings against the manufacturer.

Amendment to Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986

1737. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating amendments to the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 in view of the policy of liberalisation and multinational consumer companies coming in India;

(b) whether the process of evaluation and re-setting and re-formulation of standards has begun;

(c) if so, what are the details of such process; and

(d) what are the new standards formulated during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a)No, Sir.

(b) The process of evaluation (review), amendment and revision of Indian Standards is continuous and on-going, taking into account the national industrial policy and priorities.